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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are filed in response to the Examiner's remarks in the Office Action mailed December 1, 2005, the three-month shortened statutory period for response to which expires on March 1, 2006.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 12 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.